

# When younglings first on Cupid fix their sight

The first part

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Superius  
[Soprano]

Tenor  
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Bassus  
[Tenor]

When young-lings first on Cu - pid fix their sight, their

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sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a boy, and a

sight, their sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a boy, and a

Cu - pid fix their sight, and see him na - ked, blind - fold and a

boy, though bow and shafts and fi - re-brand be his

boy, though bow and shafts and fi - re-brand be his might, be his might,

boy, though bow and shafts and fi - re-brand be his might, yet

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might, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet

yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they

ween they he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy, an -

ween they he can work them none an - noy, work them none an - noy.

he can work them none an - noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy.

- noy, yet ween they he can work them none an - noy.

And there - fore with his pur - ple wings they play, for glo - ri - ous seem - eth

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love though light as fea - ther, and when they have done, *and when they have done,*

seem - eth love though light as fea - ther, and when they have done, they

love, though light as fea - ther, and when they have done, they ween to scape

they ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they,

ween to scape a - way, for blind men say they, say they, for blind

a - way, for blind men say they, for blind men say they, shoot

shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, they know not

men say they, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not

they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther,

whi - ther, not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther.

whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther.

shoot they know not whi - ther, shoot they know not whi - ther, not whi - ther.

# The second part

But when by proof they find that he did see, *that*

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But when by proof they find that he did

— he did see, and that his wound did ra - ther dim their

he did see, and that his wound did ra - ther, did ra - ther dim their

see, did see, and that his wound did ra - ther dim their sight,

sight, they won - der more how such a lad as he, should be

sight, they won - der more how such a lad as he,

they won - der more how such a lad as he, *how such a lad as he,*

of such sur - pass - ing power and might and *might,* and

should be of such sur - pass - ing power and might, *of such sur -*

should be of such sur - pass - ing power and might, should

— might, should be of such sur - pass - ing power and might, *sur -*

*-pass - ing* power and might, should be of such sur - pass - ing power

— be of such sur - pass - ing power and might, *sur - pass - ing power and might,*

-pass-ing power and\_\_ might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have

and might, and\_\_ might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have

sur - pass - ing power and\_\_ might: but Ants have galls, but Ants have

galls, have galls, so hath the Bee\_\_ his sting,

galls, so hath the Bee\_\_ his\_\_ sting, so hath the Bee\_\_

galls, so hath the Bee\_\_ his sting, the Bee\_\_ his sting, so hath\_\_

so hath the Bee his\_\_ sting, then shield me heavens from

\_\_ his\_\_ sting, his sting,

\_\_ the Bee his\_\_ sting, then shield me heavens\_\_

such a sub - tle thing, a sub - tle thing, then shield

then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, a sub -

\_\_ from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from

me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens\_\_

- tle thing, then shield me heavens from such a sub - tle thing, from such\_\_

such a sub - tle\_\_ thing, then shield me heavens from such a

from such a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from  
a sub - tle thing, then shield me heavens from  
sub - tle thing, from such a sub - tle thing, from  
such a sub - tle thing, a sub - - - - - tle thing.  
such a sub - - - - - tle thing.  
such a sub - tle thing, from such a sub - tle thing.

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